

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 08346 031950Z

73

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 NEA-14 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 SAJ-01 OMB-01 SAM-01 SAB-01

CCO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 DRC-01 /152 W

----- 000258

R 031536Z JUN 74

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9394

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

USMISSION BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USMISSION USUN

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 8346

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UR, XF

SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 08346 031950Z

REF: MOSCOW 8241

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS OVER WEEKEND AMPLIFIES THEMES OF BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO ASAD ON DISENGAGEMENT AND FUTURE ME DEVELOPMENTS. MEDIA FURTHER INFLATE SOVIET IMPORTANCE IN OBTAINING SYRIAN-ISRAELI ACCORD. MENTION OF U.S. ROLE IS CONFINED TO COVERAGE OF JOINT SOVIET-U.S. ACTIONS AT GENEVA AND IN UNSC. PRAVDA WARMS SLIGHTLY TO NEW GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS KEEPS UP POSITIVE TREATMENT OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT, ALBEIT WITH CONSTANT REMINDER THAT IT IS ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARD ME SETTLEMENT. NEWS REPORTS (PRAVDA JUNE 1) NOTE SYRIAN BAATH PARTY APPROVAL OF DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD AND END TO SHELLING ON GOLAN. STORIES REPLAYING FOREIGN PRESS REACTION TO DISENGAGEMENT (PRAVDA JUNE 1-3) FOCUS ON POSITIVE RESPONSE BY ARAB, EUROPEAN AND U.S. PRESS, STRESS ARAB AND EAST EUROPEAN PRAISE FOR SOVIET ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE AGREEMENT, AND REPORT STORIES IN ARAB AND EAST EUROPEAN PRESS WELCOMING BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO ASAD WITH ITS ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE. AUTHORITATIVE PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON DISENGAGEMENT BY ME SPECIALIST PAVEL BEMCHENKO (JUNE 1) ASSERTS DISENGAGEMENT TERMS REPRESENT TANGIBLE VICTORY FOR SYRIA WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY SOVIET UNION. PICKING UP THEMES STRESSED IN BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO ASAD, HE ALSO STRESSES THAT DISENGAGEMENT IS ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARD SETTLEMENT, KEY ELEMENTS OF WHICH MEPC MUST NOW ADDRESS WITHOUT WASTING TIME.

3. WHILE INFLATING SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY IN NEGOTIATING DISENGAGEMENT, PRAVDA COVERAGE TOTALLY IGNORES SECRETARY'S ROLE. U.S. IS MENTIONED ONLY IN REPORTS ON JOINT U.S.-SOVIET ACTIONS AT SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN MEPC MILITARY WORKING GROUP. PARTIAL EXCEPTION IS FOUR-LINE CAIRO-DATELINED TASS ITEM (PRAVDA JUNE 3) REPORTING THAT EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED PRESIDENT'S INTENTION TO VISIT ME INCLUDING EGYPT.

4. PRAVDA WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW (JUNE 2) COMES SLIGHTLY OFF THE FENCE ON ISRAEL'S NEW GOVERNMENT. REVIEWER, BOL'SHAKOV, SAYS COMPOSITION OF RABIN CABINET REFLECTS ISRAELI UNDERSTANDING OF FAILURE OF OLD EXPANSIONIST COURSE REPRESENTED BY HAWKS LIKE MEIR, DAYAN AND EBAN. HE NOTES NEW GOVERNMENT INCLUDES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 08346 031950Z

REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHICH SUPPORTS RETURN OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS FACT IN ITSELF, HE CONCLUDES "IS VERY SYMPTOMATIC OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ME SITUATION" WHERE A SEARCH FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT IS GOING ON.

5. CONSISTENT WITH PRESS FOCUS ON SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF SOVIET ROLE IN ARAB CAPITALS, WEEKLY REVIEW ALSO STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF RECENT SOVIET CONTACTS WITH ARAB STATES. REVIEW

ASSERTS ARAB STATES JUSTLY SEE SOVIET UNION AS FIRM FRIEND
IN STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, AND HIGHLY APPRECIATE
SOVIET LINE ON ME. STOESSEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, PEACE, PEACE TALKS, PEACE PLANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MOSCOW08346
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740140-0795
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740680/aaaacrgz.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: MOSCOW 8241
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 APR 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 JUN 2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET PRESS ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
TAGS: PFOR, UR, XF
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005